

What is claimed is:

1. A computer comprising
  - a) a processor,
  - b) position determining means for determining the location of the computer,  
and
  - c) control means for controlling the operation of the processor, the control  
means being in communication with the position determining means and controlling the  
operation of the processor in response to location information provided to the control  
means by the position determining means.
2. The computer of claim 1 wherein the position determining means comprise  
a GPS locator.
- 15 3. The computer of claim 1 wherein the position determining means comprise  
an accelerometer.
4. The computer of claim 1 wherein the control means prevents operation of the  
processor in response to location information provided by the position determining means  
20 that indicates that the location of the computer is outside of a preselected area.
5. The computer of claim 1 further comprising a hard drive in communication  
with the processor.
- 25 6. The computer of claim 5 wherein the control means instructs the processor  
to prevent operation of the hard drive in response to location information provided by the  
position determining means that indicates that the location of the computer is outside of  
a preselected area.

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7. The computer of claim 5 wherein the control means instructs the processor to at least partially erase the hard drive in response to location information provided by the position determining means that indicates that the location of the computer is outside of a preselected area.

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8. The computer of claim 1 further comprising alarm means for transmitting an alarm to a preselected destination, the alarm means being in communication with the processor.

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9. The computer of claim 8 wherein the control means instructs the processor to generate an alarm using the alarm means in response to location information provided by the position determining means that indicates that the location of the computer is outside of a preselected area.

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10. The computer of claim 1 further comprising identification means for identifying an authorized user, the identification means being in communication with the processor.

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11. The computer of claim 10 wherein the control means instructs the processor to request identification of a user by using the identification means in response to location information provided by the position determining means that indicates that the location of the computer is outside of a preselected area.

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12. The computer of claim 11 wherein the identification means is a facial recognition device that identifies a user as an authorized user by reference to a data base of facial features associated with one or more authorized users.

13. The computer of claim 11 wherein the identification means is in communication with an input device and identifies the user as an authorized user upon input by the user of an authorization code.

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14. The computer of claim 11 wherein the control means prevents further operation of the processor upon failure of the identification means to identify the user as an authorized user.

5 15. The computer of claim 11 further comprising a hard drive in communication with the processor.

10 16. The computer of claim 15 wherein the control means instructs the processor to prevent operation of the hard drive upon failure of the identification means to identify the user as an authorized user.

15 17. The computer of claim 15 wherein the control means instructs the processor to at least partially erase the hard drive upon failure of the identification means to identify the user as an authorized user.

18. The computer of claim 11 further comprising alarm means for transmitting an alarm to a preselected destination, the alarm means being in communication with the processor.

20 19. The computer of claim 18 wherein the control means instructs the processor to generate an alarm using the alarm means upon failure of the identification means to identify the user as an authorized user.

20. The computer of claim 1 which is a portable computer.

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